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SUBJECT: YEMEN OFFERS TO HOST FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

HEADQUARTERS, NOMINATES ERYANI FOR CHAIRMAN POST

¶1. (U) The Republic of Yemen Government (ROYG) has offered to host the Foundation for the Future headquarters. In a meeting between Deputy FonMin Mohy al-Din al-Dhabi and DCM, as well as via a dip note, the ROYG offered to cover the costs of providing a facility and local staff, promising also to "grant freedom and independence to the Foundation and its staff." Al-Dhabi pointed out that this offer comes in lieu of Yemen's required cash contribution of USD 1,000,000 as a founding member of the Foundation.

¶2. (U) In the same meeting and diplomatic note, the ROYG elicited the USG's support for its nominee for the chairmanship of the Foundation, Dr. Abdul-Karim al-Eryani.

¶3. (SBU) Post strongly endorses Eryani's candidacy for the chairmanship. A U.S.-educated former Prime Minister, Eryani is an erudite, cosmopolitan man who is well-respected throughout the region. Eryani's intellectual interests are wide-ranging, and he is considered a resident expert in agriculture (in which he holds a doctorate), development, Arab and Islamic history, and regional politics. Eryani is fluent in Arabic and English, and speaks some French. We believe he would make an excellent chairman of the Foundation for the Future.

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